

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. E-21529
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**ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF FRANCHISE**

(Issued June 28, 2002)

On September 11, 2000, MidAmerican Energy Company (MEC) filed a petition, identified as Docket No. E-21529, with the Iowa Utilities Board for a franchise to erect, maintain, and operate approximately 11.66 miles of 72,500-volt maximum voltage electric transmission line in Webster County, Iowa, pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478 (2001).

In its petition, MEC states that it does not request authority to construct any new transmission lines, but only to extend Franchise No. 14289 for transmission lines that have been previously constructed and are presently being operated and maintained. Franchise No. 14289 was granted on September 15, 1975, in Docket No. E-17823. MEC further states that all easements required for the line have been obtained.

MEC has met the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 478 (2001) and 199 IAC chapter 11 and a franchise should be issued to MEC for the transmission line described in the petition.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. No objections to the petition have been filed as provided for by Iowa Code chapter 478 (2001).
2. Notice of the petition was published as required by Iowa Code chapter 478 (2001).
3. MEC has filed an agreement to pay all costs and expenses of this franchise proceeding pursuant to Iowa Code § 478.4 (2001).
4. The transmission line is necessary to serve a public use. This conclusion is based on information provided pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478 (2001).
5. The transmission line represents a reasonable relationship to an overall plan of transmitting electric energy in the public interest. This conclusion is based on information provided pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478 (2001).
6. The transmission line will meet or exceed the minimum engineering requirements of the rules of the Board and will conform to the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 478 (2001).
7. MEC has not requested it be vested with the right of eminent domain.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The Utilities Board has jurisdiction of the parties and subject matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478 (2001).
2. The Utilities Board has authority pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478 (2001) to grant franchises for the construction, erection, maintenance, and operation

of certain electric transmission lines outside cities in the state for the transmission, distribution, or sale of electric current within the state. Iowa Code § 478.1 (2001).

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The petition is granted and a franchise will be issued to MidAmerican Energy Company to construct, erect, operate, and maintain an electric transmission line as specifically described in the franchise, identified as Franchise No. 17457, attached to this order and incorporated by this reference.

2. The Utilities Board retains jurisdiction of the subject matter in this docket pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478 (2001), and may at any time during the period of the franchise make such further orders as may be necessary.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2002.